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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Taiwanese patent documents, together with English-language abstracts, are enclosed.

The Taiwanese patent documents were cited in an Official Action which issued in a Taiwanese patent application corresponding to the subject application. A copy of the Taiwanese Official Action, which is dated April 6, 2005, is enclosed. An English-language translation of the Taiwanese Official Action is also enclosed.

According to a commercial database, U.S. Patent No. 5,730,162 is in the same family as TW 349231, and U.S. Patent No. 6,528,128 is in the same family as TW 464920.

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Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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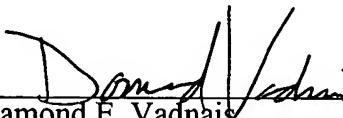
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,730,162	03/24/1998	Shindo, et al.	134	66	
		6,528,128	03/04/2003	Ito, et al.	427	512	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		349231	01/01/1999	Taiwan			Abstract
		464920	11/21/2001	Taiwan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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